

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Docket No. : 102147.58294US  
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Exhaust Gas Purification Apparatus, Exhaust Gas  
Purification Method, and Sulfur Component Trapping  
Agent for Internal Combustion Engine

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action dated July 9, 2009. **An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. ***No additional claims fees are due.***

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **RCE** accompanies this Amendment.